

# ISSUE AND PROGRAM REPORT

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## COVER SHEET

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- Educational
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### Placed in the Public File:

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## **ISSUE: EDUCATIONAL**

### **10/3/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo visits with Alec Torres, co-author of "Persecuted from Within: How the Saints Endured Crises in the Church."

### **10/18/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell talk with Joseph Pearce to discuss a new online class on Tolkien he's offering through Ave Maria University.

### **11/3/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta talks with Rocky Sickmann who tells us what it was like to be captive in the Iran hostage crisis.

### **11/10/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta discusses the impact and history of World War I with Henry Crocker and Regis Martin.

### **11/16/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta visits with Steve Weidenkopf, who takes us for a walk-through history and other times the Church has faced crisis – and come out stronger for it.

### **11/29/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta visits with Jay Copp who tells the unknown Catholic backstory of Chicago's O'Hare Airport which is named after a Catholic WWII pilot.

### **12/2/2023 at 10:00 AM... Women Made New... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Crystalina Evert welcomes Fr. Agostina who asks listeners did you know that the origin of the Piñata was actually invented for Advent?

### **12/6/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell welcome guest Stephanie Mann on how English Catholics prepared for Christmas after the Reformation.

## **ISSUE: FAMILY, PARENTING AND RELATIONSHIPS**

### **10/4/2023 at 8:00 AM... More to Life... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Dr. Greg Popcak and wife Lisa note that kids sure know how to push our buttons They'll help you be a more peaceful parent.

### **10/6/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo talks with Susan Tassone regarding her new children's book on purgatory called "New Friends Now and Forever: A Story about the Holy Souls."

### **10/17/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Guest Host Vanessa Denha Garmo talks with Damien O'Connor regarding a new video series by the Knights of Columbus entitled: "Into the Breach, "The Mission of the Family".

### **10/17/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta visit with Dr. Ray Guarendi who has given advice and lessons to countless families and today, he shares the lessons his own family has taught him.

### **10/20/2023 at 8:00 AM... More to Life... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Dr. Greg Popcak and wife Lisa ask listeners whether you've got young children or adult kids, parenting never stops being a challenge. Let us help you be a more empowered parent!

### **11/10/2023 at 8:00 AM... More to Life... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Dr. Greg Popcak and wife Lisa ask listeners if difficult conversations are causing tension in your relationships with your spouse, adult child, or friend? We'll help you find common ground.

### **11/14/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta visits with Dr. Ray Guarendi, who reflects on some of the worst marriage advice he has ever heard.

### **11/17/2023 at 8:00 AM... More to Life... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak as listeners if they are feeling attacked? They will help you find grace-filled ways to deal with those hostile, antagonistic, downright disagreeable people in your life!

### **11/24/2023 at 8:00 AM... More to Life... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Dr. Greg Popcak and wife Lisa as listeners does setting boundaries seem mean or intimidating? We'll show you how healthy boundaries can build healthier relationships.

### **11/30/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell welcome Dr. John Bergsma, who explains what Jesus had to say about marriage and divorce.

### **11/30/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta visits with Chris Peden who shares how he has been blessed by raising children with Autism.

### **12/5/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo visits with Greg & Julie Alexander who are here to help make sure your marriage isn't neglected in the chaos of the holidays.

### **12/6/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell look at the story of the real St. Nick and get a recipe for chocolate coins from Rita Heikenfeld.

## **ISSUE: HEALTH**

### **10/5/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell talk with counselor Kevin Prendergast with more thoughts on mental health from a Catholic perspective.

### **10/12/2023 at 8:00 AM... More to Life... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Dr. Greg Popcak and wife Lisa ask listeners if they are dealing with fear, worry, or anxiety? Are stressful situations getting the best of you? Let us help you find your peace!

### **10/19/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell talk with pastoral counselor Kevin Prendergast on healthier ways to manage stress.

### **10/17/2023 at 2:00 PM... Register Radio... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Register's Washington correspondent Loretta Brown shares a personal story with us about how one child with down syndrome captured her heart during Down Syndrome Awareness Month.

### **11/10/2023 at 9:00... Doctor, Doctor... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts discuss real life ethical dilemmas.

### **11/18/2023 at 2:00 PM... Register Radio... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Register's UK correspondent KV Turley gives us insights into how Great Britain has come to this point where parents have no power to decide their children's medical care.

### **11/17/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo visits with Miriam Grossman, MD, who is back with a very important book, "Lost in Trans Nation: A Child Psychiatrist's Guide Out of the Madness."

### **11/20/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo visits with Dr. Stephen Doran, who is the author of "To Die Well: A Catholic Neurosurgeon's Guide to the End of Life."

### **11/28/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo visits with Michael Vacca on the Uniform Law Commission expanding euthanasia.

### **12/9/2023 at 10:00 AM... Women Made New... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Crystalina Evert discusses "Unbroken" a chapter from her book "Women Made New: Reflections on Adversity, Transformation, and Healing."

## **ISSUE: YOUTH PROGRAMMING**

### **10/2/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell welcome Msgr. Brian Bransfield to discuss his recent book on our guardian angels.

### **10/6/2023 at 2:30 PM... Blessed to Play... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Ron Meyer talks with Dan Venezia, a former pro baseball player in the Minnesota Twins organization, about a harrowing experience with the covid virus that brought him to a deepening of his Catholic faith.

### **10/15/2023 at 2:30 PM... Blessed to Play... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Ron Meyer talks with Miriam Diaz-Gilbert, an ultrarunner who has run races over 100 miles. about how her Catholic faith and running are integrated in her quest to pursue incredible feats of endurance.

### **10/22/2023 at 2:30 PM... Blessed to Play... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Ron Meyer talks with Joel Osborn, head football coach at Benedictine College, about life on the gridiron and how growing up in a small Catholic town in Iowa shaped who he is today.

### **11/3/2023 at 2:30 PM... Blessed to Play... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Ron Meyer visits with Danielle Breen, who competed as a gymnast for the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers, about her career as a consistent contributor to her team and why faith is a staple in her life.

### **11/24/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta visits with John U Bacon who tells how he began coaching America's worst hockey team and turned them into winners.

### **12/3/2023 at 2:30 PM... Blessed to Play... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Ron Meyer visits with Brian Polian, a longtime football assistant and head football coach at the division on level with Notre Dame, Stanford, amongst others and he is currently the Athletic Director at John Carroll University in Cleveland.

## **ISSUE: PUBLIC INTEREST**

### **10/08/2023 at 8:30 AM... Catholic Café... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: As another presidential election season looms over the nation, there is a resurgence of calls for accountability of especially Catholic politicians.

### **10/10/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo talks with Dr. Scott Hahn who reacts to the news out of Israel concerning the terror attacks from Hamas.

### **10/14/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta visits with Bill Cook with a look at his life and how St. Francis inspired his own work with poor children around the world.

### **10/20/2023 at 7:00 AM ... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Guest host Sherry Browning talks with Fr. Bart Tolleson regarding the memoir "That Was Father Stu: A Memoir of My Priestly Brother and Friend."

### **10/28/2023 at 10:00 AM... Women Made New... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Crystalina Evert shares her discussions from the 2023 Denver Catholic Women's Conference with everyday women who share their stories of wisdom and encouragement.

### **11/3/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo's fact check Friday segment and Tim Graham talks about the biased media and the eroding trust in their work.

### **11/8/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo talks with Bear Woznick about his new book, "12 Rules for Manliness Where Have All the Cowboys Gone?"

### **11/9/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell visit with Kevin Prendergast with more thoughts on processing grief.

### **11/16/2023 at 5:00 AM... The Son Rise Morning Show... 110 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Hosts Matt Swaim and Anna Mitchell visit with Rita Heikenfeld who has more make-ahead Thanksgiving recipes.

### **11/24/2023 at 2:00 PM... Register Radio... 25 minutes.**

Topic Description: Register's Solene Tadie brings us a story of how an organization is using AI to help spread sacred monastic music.

### **12/6/2023 at 7:00 AM... Catholic Connection... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Teresa Tomeo welcomes Dr. Monica Miller who talks about Pope Francis asking theologians to help 'de-masculinize' the church.

### **12/8/2023 at 2:00 PM... Register Radio... 25 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Catholics. Catholic News Agency's staff writer Joe Bukuras brings us the latest about how far the FBI went in looking for possible domestic terrorists within traditional churches.

### **12/11/2023 at 3:00 PM... Kresta in the Afternoon... 55 minutes.**

Topic/Description: Host Al Kresta visits with Jay Greene who asks why have the leaders of some of America's most elite colleges been so hesitant to condemn antisemitism?

## **Public Service Announcements**

### **40 Days for Life**

**9/21-11/5**

Christians need to accept the reality that a lot of the tragic issues that plague society always boil down to a spiritual battle; the kingdom of God which is of love and compassion, and the occupation of Satan which is of hate and self-interest. This spiritual battle is fought with your prayers, and you are invited to join 40 days for life billings to pray over the next several weeks to end abortion. This is not a protest, but a peaceful, prayerful public witness to the sanctity of human life. Through the 40 days for life campaign, over 23 thousand babies have been saved, over 250 employees of abortion have converted or quit, and 144 abortion centers closed—all thanks to your fervent prayers! To join this vigil, call Amy at 855-3737, or sign up online at [40 days for life dot com slash billings](http://40daysforlifedotcomslashbillings).

### **Adventures In Marriage**

**10/18-10/27**

Adventures in Marriage is a highly interactive program that teaches couples the practical “hands on” skills essential to build a healthy, thriving marriage that can go the distance. You and your spouse are encouraged to register today and enjoy the beauty of the Sacrament to its fullest. Adventures in Marriage will be hosted by St. Thomas the Apostle parish, Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm and Saturday from 8:30 till 4:30 pm. Lunch, snacks and babysitting are included in your \$25 per couple registration. Visit [S T Thomas billings dot O R G](http://STThomasbillingsdotORG) today to register.

## **Dahl Grief Support**

**9/18-12/1**

In dealing with the loss of a parent, spouse, child, or any other beloved person in our lives, we struggle to find ways to cope with their absence. We can only trust the fate of our loved ones to the Lord, but we have the gift of one another, to lean on in our grief, and to encourage others who grieve. Dahl Funeral Chapel has started a grief support group, meeting every other Tuesday from 7 to 9pm, at their location, 10 Yellowstone Avenue. Please sign up with Linda Smith, by calling 406 591 3219.

## **St Vincent dePaul**

**11/3-12/30**

In the winter of 2022, Billings saw temperatures as low as negative 33 degrees, and its likely we may see days just as frigid this winter. We must remember those in our community who are less fortunate, and need adequate clothing, meals, and places to sleep. This winter, think of Saint Vincent de Paul Billings and all of those they serve in our city. Consider donating winter clothes, including coats, gloves, boots, and thick socks; or offering your time making meals; or providing monetary assistance to Saint Vincent de Paul Billings. Know that when you help the least of these, you are helping Christ himself! Donate and get involved by visiting [s-v-d-p-m-t dot org](http://s-v-d-p-m-t.org) today.

## **World Wide Marriage Encounter**

**10/15-12/31**

The vocation of marriage has its fair share of challenges, and that could even be an understatement. There are some days that your marriage is in harmony, and others that feel like its in shambles. How can we develop the skills and sensitivity necessary to reconnect with our spouse? Or navigate the choppy waves of conflict or distrust? We often forget that we can *ask for help and learn from others*. Find help and solutions for your marriage, at the World wide marriage encounter. Join with couples, helping other couples, to live their marriage the way God meant for marriage to be. Find a World Wide Marriage Encounter near you, with both in person and virtual sessions, at [w-w-m-e dot o-r-g slash apply](http://w-w-m-e.org/apply).



## **St. Bernard Art & Craft Sale**

**Airs 9/1-11/03**

For the 41st year, St. Bernard Art & Craft show is back for another wonderful year of hand crafted and unique treasures all in one place! Mark your calendars for November 4th to be a part of the longest running Craft Show in Billings! Table spaces fill up fast, so register today, by calling Mary at 406-208-7881 or the St Bernard Parish office. You will not want to miss this, so register as soon as you can! This is a wonderful opportunity to show your handiworks, meet new people, and make someone's day!

## **St. Bernard Craft Show**

**10/15-11/4**

Did you know that your neighbors and fellow parishioners are incredibly talented and creative craftspeople, and artists? And you'll find them and their diverse array of goods at the St. Bernard Craft Show! The parish will be hosting this extravaganza of creativity Saturday, November 4th, at 226 Wicks Lane. Who knows what you could find! For more information, contact Jodi Samel at 406-670-6812 or Mary Strauss at 406 208 7881.

We hope to see you at the St Bernard Craft Show, on November 4th !

## **St Vincent DePaul**

**8/16-10/31**

We know from scripture that when we help the needy, we are helping Christ himself. The sweltering days and frigid nights are harsh on those without homes in our community, and St Vincent de Paul of Billings makes the effort to provide clothing, meals, and other assistance to our friends in need. Please pray and consider donating clothing, food, or monetary assistance to St Vincent de Paul so that we can transform our community, one coat, one meal, and one heart at a time. Visit St Vincent de Paul Billings to see how you can help.

## **WWME VIRTUAL SESSION**

**9/18-10/5**

Has your marriage felt stale lately? Is it lacking that spark that used to be there, but you or your spouse don't have the time to make a marriage retreat? Then the upcoming worldwide marriage encounter virtual session may be for you! Starting October 5th until November 16th, couples will meet on Zoom on Thursday evenings- so you can get the encouragement you need from your office or living room! Early registration is required so your materials are available- apply now at [a-lifetime-of-love dot org](http://a-lifetime-of-love-dot-org).

